

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-2 (Canceled)

3. (Original) An excess pressure relief system for a tank carried on a vehicle, comprising:
 - a relief valve for relieving excess pressure in the tank;
 - a control valve for controlling gas discharge rate, provided on a discharge line downstream of the relief valve; and
 - a diffuser provided downstream of the control valve.
4. (Currently Amended) The excess pressure relief system according to ~~claims 1 or claim 3~~, wherein the diffuser comprises:
 - an inner perforated member connected to the discharge line,
 - an outer perforated member surrounding the inner member, and
 - an intermediate diffuser member arranged in a space between the inner and outer perforated members.
5. (Original) The excess pressure relief system according to claim 4, wherein the diffuser member is made of a perforated plate having holes of predetermined sizes.
6. (Withdrawn) The excess pressure relief system according to claim 4, wherein the diffuser member comprises a mass of unwoven metal threads.
7. (Withdrawn) The excess pressure relief system according to claim 4, wherein

the diffuser member is made of a net of a predetermined mesh size.

8. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) The excess pressure relief system according to ~~claims 1 or claim~~ 3, wherein the diffuser comprises:

a deflector for deflecting gas flow discharged from the relief valve, the deflector having a planer wall portion on which the discharged gas flow impinges and a tubular wall portion for turning the direction of the gas flow.

9. (Currently Amended) The excess pressure relief system according to ~~claims 2 or claim~~ 3, wherein the control valve comprises:

a valve element which opens/closes an outlet of the relief valve, and
a resilient member which generates force to close the valve element.

10. (Currently Amended) The excess pressure relief system according to ~~claims 2 or claim~~ 3, wherein the control valve comprises:

a valve element which opens/closes an outlet of the relief valve,
a solenoid to drive the valve element, and
a controller for controlling duty ratio of the solenoid.

Claim 11 (Canceled)